

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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TRAINING CAMPS
MINATISEN

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Pakistan is running terrorist training camps in POK;
- (b) if so, whether the Government have taken up the matter with Pakistan;
- (c) if so, the results thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor;

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH)

(a) Pakistan has established an elaborate infrastructure for the recruitment, indoctrination and training of terrorists on its territories, and territories under its control, as part of its policy of sponsoring cross border terrorism in Jammu & Kashmir and elsewhere in India,

(b)-(d) Government have taken up with Pakistan the issue of its sponsorship of cross border terrorism in India on several occasions. Pakistani leaders, including at the highest levels, continue to glorify the daily killings of innocent men, women and children by terrorists as ` holy jehad` or a `freedom movement`.

Government are firmly resolved to take all necessary measures to preserve the security and territorial integrity of the country. During the Agra Summit (15th & 16th July 2001), Prime Minister reiterated to the President of Pakistan India`s resolve, strength and stamina to resolutely counter terrorism and violence.